



Dr. Charles Best Secondary GRAD 2024 Newsletter

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Our school goal is to develop a culture of connectedness and belonging within the school, among school staff, students, and our parent community, in order to enhance opportunities for collaborative partnerships.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Photo Day	Friday, Sept 8
Grade Assemblies (Gr 10, 11)	Tuesday, Sept 12
Terry Fox Run	Friday, Sept 15
Club Day	Wednesday, Sept 20
Grade 9 Parent Night	Wednesday, Sept 20
School Pro D Day (students do not attend)	Friday, Sept 22
Senior Sail	Wednesday Sept 27
2024 Grad Merchandise Orders Due-no late orders accepted	Wednesday, Sept 27
Truth & Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) Assembly (Assembly Bell schedule)	Friday, Sept 29
Truth and Reconciliation Day (School not in session)	Monday, Oct 2
Thanksgiving Day (School not in session)	Monday, Oct 9
Learning Updates out (Progress reports)	Wednesday Oct 11
Parent – Teacher Night (In-person and on Teams)	Wednesday, Oct 18
Grade 12 Parent Night (School Library @ 6:45pm)	Wednesday, Oct 18
Photo Retakes	Thursday, Oct 19
Provincial Pro D Day (School not in session)	Friday, Oct 20
Autumn Music Concert	Wednesday, Oct 25 @7pm
School Assembly (Assembly Bell Schedule)	Tuesday, Oct 31
Provincial Assessments (select students)	Nov 1 - Nov 3 (schedule TBD)
Take Your Kids to Work (Gr 9 only)	Wednesday, Nov 1

**Please see additional dates for Post-Secondary visits, CLC due dates & Grad Photos in the body of the newsletter

DR. CHARLES BEST GRAD 2024

Graduation! Grad 2024!! Many of you may be wondering where the years went. How can my child who was just a baby a few short years ago be graduating? It is very difficult to believe but this is their final year of public high school. Only 2 semesters left! The next 10 months will go extremely fast- trust me. The days may seem long sometimes, but those months are going to go very fast! Exciting and wonderful times for sure! We had our Grad Assembly today. We warned the grads that this year is going to go by so fast and suggested they do not miss a minute. Savor every moment of high school and attend every day! We also highlighted the calendar of events and reminded them that they are in grade 12 now and with that comes the added responsibility of maintaining schedules, adhering to due dates so that they do not miss a thing! We will send reminders on the school day APP, in the Informer and for our grad parents we will send out Grad Newsletters as well. Please read those newsletters as they contain all the important information about Grad activities and due dates. We will also send out very valuable information about Post Secondary Scholarships and Bursaries. Please read that section and encourage your grad to apply for all scholarships and bursaries that are applicable to them. Now would be an excellent time to check with your place of employment and see if they have any scholarships your child qualifies for and work on an application package for your child. Often the applications require cover letters, letters of intent, reference letters, and a resume which all take time to organize and collect. Please take the time to talk to your child and maybe even help them get this started. There are funds out there to help with Post Secondary and you do not want to miss out.

Our newsletter will also have important information about the Parent After Grad Committee. This is your last opportunity to get involved with a school parent group and have a great excuse to go help at After Grad in June. The newsletter also contains important information about Grad merchandise – our Grad store closes September 27th, and we will be unable to submit orders past this date. Order now so that grads have their grad merch to wear all year. See further down in the newsletter for the link to the school store.

Reminder the Senior Sail is on September 27th and there are a limited number of tickets – first come first served. Login to your School CashOnline account to get tickets now.

This is a significant year for so many reasons, please stay connected to your child and their school. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact their counsellor or administrator. Let's have a memorable grad year!

Sincerely, Heather Murphy

Principal Dr. Charles Best Secondary School

GRAD MERCHANDISE

We are pleased to offer our 2024 Grads merchandise just for them!

Orders are Due Sept 27th. **NO LATE ORDERS will be accepted.**

Orders are expected to arrive in November.

At left is one of the sample products available in the store. →

The link to your grad store is below:

<https://charlesbestgrad2024.itemorder.com/>



SENIOR SAIL

Grads we are very pleased to let you know we have booked the ship for our Senior Sail on Wednesday, September 27th.

The cost of this event is \$78 and includes transportation to and from the event.

Grads meet at Dr. Charles Best at 4:30 pm. Meet in the gym and get organized to get into the buses waiting to take us Downtown Vancouver. We will be cruising aboard the Queen of Diamonds. Grads will dance with their friends to the tunes supplied by a DJ. Pizza and pop will be supplied but you might want to eat something between after school and the cruise. We will cruise around Vancouver Harbour for 3 hours and then load back into the buses and travel back to Dr. Charles Best. We should be back to Best between 10:15 and 10:30 pm depending on traffic etc.

How do I purchase a ticket? Go to School Cash On-line (on our website same place you pay your fees) Tickets will go on sale starting Sept 1st. There are a limited number of tickets as the boat has a limited capacity. Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. If you want to go buy your ticket as soon as soon.

Can I bring a guest? No this is for Dr. Charles Best Grads 2024 only due to capacity limitations.

Do I have to ride the bus, or can I drive myself? You must take the bus. You can only go if you ride the bus. It's fun! We can sing!

What should I wear? The dress code is semi formal. Not too fancy. It's a night out. It's a special grad activity and you will want to take lots of pictures so dress appropriately. But also, be comfortable. You are travelling on a bus, dancing, eating, going up and down stairs on a moving boat so wear comfortable shoes. There are two floors to hang out and dance and then a top floor that is outside so you might want to bring a coat to wear outside. There is nowhere to store a bag and the security at the docks will check your coats and all bags. Please do not bring any backpacks or bags. (small cross body bags are ok but will also be searched)

This is a school function. All school rules and the District Code of Conduct apply. Please do not make foolish choices on this evening. The company supplies Security who will check every grad. If they find any drugs, alcohol, vapes or weapons they will be confiscated, and you will be sent home at your parents' expense. You cannot vape, smoke or drink on the boat. Please be aware that if you chose to not abide by the rules, you will not be refunded and you will not be able to attend the Grad Dinner Dance in June. You are risking quite a lot – please factor that into your decision making for this event.

The safety and security of all our participants who attend this event is our highest priority. Also, our reputation in the community. Please help us preserve our outstanding reputation and I guarantee you will have more fun as well.

If you have any medical alerts that could relate to this activity, please contact Ms. Fridge kfridge@sd43.bc.ca.

Any questions or concerns- contact Ms. Murphy hmurphy@sd43.bc.ca (principal)

All Aboard!

DR. CHARLES BEST GRADS 2024-SAVE THE DATES

Dinner Dance/After Grad will be held on **Saturday, June 15th 6 pm** at the Fairmont Waterfront Vancouver.

The cost of tickets for this will be assessed and published in April.

Commencement will be held **Tuesday, June 25th 7 pm** at the Orpheum Theatre in Vancouver.

Grad Commencement Fee is \$65. This fee covers the cost of your Grad Commencement Gown (royal blue), V-stole, cap and 2024 tassel. You keep all these items. It also includes the cost of the Grad Certificate folders, rental cost of the Orpheum Theatre (Vancouver), flowers, decorations, tickets, program, and other related costs. Payment of this fee orders your Grad Gown – you just have to provide your height information. If you have any issues with this grad related fee, please speak to your VP asap. Thank you.

Commencement fees will be available to be paid on your School Cash Online account beginning this week.

GRAD PHOTOS – JANUARY 5-19, 2024



Next week we will provide families with a QR code/booking link for students to book their grad photos with Artona photo company. At time of booking there will be a \$60.00 refundable deposit which can be used towards the purchase of any products or refunded if no order is placed. Grads will receive a complimentary 5x7 Commencement photograph and 5x7 Dinner Dance photo. In addition, as part of this years \$65 grad fee, graduates will receive a composite folder containing the Grad Class of 2024 photo.

***PLEASE NOTE**-even if you have no plans to purchase a photo package, all grads are expected to have their picture taken (no charge) for the yearbook and composite photo.

GRADE 12 STUDENT SURVIVAL GUIDE

Counsellors will be presenting to all grade 12's during the school day between October 10-12th about post-secondary institutions, the application process, and graduation timelines.

This presentation will be replicated at the Grade 12 parent meeting in the evening of Parent Teacher interviews in October.

  	
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Post-Secondary Info Session</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">at Dr. Charles Best Secondary</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> University of Toronto Thu, September 28 th , 3.15 pm, library	<input type="checkbox"/> Post-Secondary BC Fair Thu, November 2 nd , 9-11 am, around the school
<input type="checkbox"/> University of Victoria Wed, October 11 th , 3.15 pm, library	<input type="checkbox"/> University of Guelph Wed, November 8 th , 3-3.45 pm, main foyer
<input type="checkbox"/> University of Alberta Tue, October 17 th , 3.15 pm, library	<input type="checkbox"/> University of Alberta - Campus St. Jean (study in French) Tue, October 21 st , 3.15 pm, library
<input type="checkbox"/> Simon Fraser University Thu, October 19 th , 3.15 pm, library	<input type="checkbox"/> University of Calgary Thu, November 23 rd , 3-3.45 pm, main foyer
<input type="checkbox"/> UVic Gustavson School of Business Thu, October 24 th , 3.15 pm, library	<input type="checkbox"/> University of Western Ontario (WESTERN) Wed, November 29 th , 3-3.45 pm, main foyer
<input type="checkbox"/> SFU Beedie School of Business Thu, October 26 th , 3.15 pm, library	<input type="checkbox"/> Douglas College Thu, November 30 th , 3.15 pm, library
<input type="checkbox"/> University of Waterloo Wed, November 1 st , 3.15 pm, library	

**Unfortunately, UBC will not be visiting individual schools this year, but they are offering virtual application workshops and other information sessions. Dates and registration links are also available on the Career Centre website.

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY EVENTS:

Grade 11 & 12 students (and their parents/ guardians) are invited to connect with university recruiters, collect information (viewbooks) and get their questions answered at this fair-style event.

Events are open to the public, but [please register in advance](#):

- Tuesday, October 3 from 6:30-9:00pm – Hilton Metro Vancouver Hotel, Burnaby
- Wednesday, October 4 from 6:00-8:00pm – Riverside Secondary School (open to all SD43 students)
- Thursday, October 5 from 6:30-9:00pm - Sheraton Guildford Hotel, Surrey

CAREER RESOURCE ADVISOR ON SITE AT CHARLES BEST

Ms. Kaufmann at the Career Office is available to help with any questions related to post-secondary programs, applications, and admissions. No appointment needed, drop-in Monday to Friday, 9 am to 3.30 pm. Students can get help with the Student Transcript Service, the self-reporting process, and finding scholarships. Both the Career Centre [website](#) and TEAM (code gvrymg1) will be constantly updated with upcoming post-secondary events, scholarship deadlines, important post-secondary reminders, volunteer opportunities, and more. In addition to recruiting events at the school (see list above) many universities will be offering program-specific info sessions and even application workshops. Check back often and make it a habit to read the daily Informer. Students are also encouraged to follow the "[bestcarecentre](#)" on Instagram to get latest updates and reminders.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP MEETINGS

- **Scholarship Meeting #1** (General information for students looking for financial aid to pay for post-secondary): Thursday, October 5, after school.
- **Scholarship Meeting #2** (Introduction of the school's internal scholarship package): Wednesday, February 7, after school.

STUDENT TRANSCRIPT SERVICES PRESENTATION - (PSI)

This presentation will show students how to **order their transcripts from the Ministry of Education online**. This is typically the second required step as **part of a post-secondary application process** (the first step being the submission of the actual application). A university or college cannot directly access marks from the Ministry as this is confidential information so students will **need to give permission to release their marks to the post-secondary** institution to which they are applying.

****Student Transcript Service (STS) Presentations:** Tue/ Wed/ Thu, November 7 – 9 (during class time, details TBA)

GRADE 12 PARENT NIGHT

Wednesday, October 18th @ 6:45pm in the school library.

Parents, this informational meeting is being held on the same date as Parent Teacher Interviews.

Please plan on attending this popular presentation as counsellors will be discussing post-secondary, applying to post-secondary, and high school graduation timelines. Book your parent teacher interviews so that you are available for the parent meeting.

PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENT & CAREER EDUCATION

In order to graduate, all students must

- complete CLE and CLC
- write 3 Provincial Assessments:
 - **Literacy 10** – most students wrote this in Gr 10
 - **Numeracy 10** - most students wrote this in Gr 10
 - **Literacy 12** – half our students will be assigned an e-assessment time in late January; half will write in April 2023. Watch for more information as the year progresses.

If you are missing any of the above graduation requirements, please immediately email our records secretary Kym Thibault at kthibault@sd43.bc.ca or VP Kelly Fridge at kfridge@sd43.bc.ca to remedy the situation.

CAREER LIFE CONNECTIONS 12 (CLC 12)

CLC12 is required for graduation. It is a full-year, graded, 4-credit course delivered outside the regular timetable using Microsoft Teams. The goal of CLC12 is to promote experiential activities that prompt examination of career-life roles, planning cycles, and decision-making models. Throughout the course, students will engage in one-on-one mentorship with teachers and reflect regularly on their passions, interests, talents, and successes. Face-to-face support for CLC12 is provided daily in room 309. Students should look for an email this week from their CLC12 teacher to access the MS Team and to get started with the course. Semester 1 will focus on the capstone project and presentation. The first assignment will go live on Sept. 22nd (due Oct. 6th).

****IMPORTANT CLC12 Dates:**

Sept. 15 – Check your email and use the code provided to join your CLC12 Team by this date.

Sept. 22 – The first assignment (Capstone Proposal) will be posted on this date.

Oct. 6 – Capstone Proposals due to Teams

Oct. 6 – Complete sign-up for the first one-on-one check-in (room 309)

Oct. 10 to 20 – First face-to-face, one-on-one check-in with a CLC12 Teacher (room 309)

Jan 22 to 25 – Capstone Presentation Day (exact day/times to be determined).

YEARBOOKS

Every year the yearbook sells out and we highly encourage all grade 12s to buy a copy. It is the one Yearbook a student often wants to have as a keepsake for the future. Grads often have baby picture pages, clubs and teams pages and superlatives results. Grads will have their Grad picture displayed as well as a Grad comment. We will send out a form in the upcoming months for grads to submit their Yearbook Comment. The cost is \$55 and will be available in your School CashOnline account after Monday, September 11th.

PARKING PASS

Reminder to all Grade 12's who are planning to drive a vehicle to school this year, parking passes must be displayed when you park on school grounds. Parking pass forms were handed out in your Advisory on the first day of school or they are available in the front office.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF GRADE 12 STUDENTS!

We're actively looking for volunteers to serve on the 2024 After Grad committee.

If you're interested, please email bestpacchair@gmail.com

PAC CORNER

Upcoming PAC meeting: Monday, September 11 at 7:00 pm in the school library. Administration will be present to provide a school update and answer any questions. All parents are welcome!

Did you know? You can DONATE TO THE PAC ONLINE!

Parent donations to the Charles Best PAC help to support various aspects of your student's educational experience. Each year, the PAC provides much-needed funds to support activities such as extracurricular clubs, AfterGrad, teacher appreciation, and student scholarships. Login to your School CashOnline account to make your PAC donation today!

